

**MINUTES OF THE
MEADOWVILLE DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MEETING
Garden City Offices
Garden City, Utah
April 3, 2002**

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. with Lee Sim conducting. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The first item of business discussed was to clarify the commissioner's salary for the upcoming season. It was decided by the group that the salary would be \$300.00 per month for six months plus \$7.50 per hour for hours worked by the commissioner. Salary for the commissioner begins April 1st and ends September 30rd. A motion was made by Paul Lambourne, seconded by Clark Willis, to approve the revised budget and salary, all approved except for one dissenting vote by Theron Weston who was opposed because the assessments were based upon acres of irrigation.

The revised budget for 2002 was discussed. The beginning balance for January 1, 2001 was \$0.00, receipts at \$5,266.94, Expenses at \$4,715.74 for a current ending balance of \$551.20 in the Trust Fund Account. According to the letter dated 4/25/2001, the commissioner was to be paid \$1,800.00 in salary for 2001 over a six month period, April thru September, plus \$7.50 per hour. After adjusting for a paycheck which was sent in error and which was returned, the commissioner has been paid \$2,208.00 which represents amounts sent in 2001 and so far in 2002. This is \$408.00 more than approved, however, the commissioner did not submit any hours for reimbursement at \$7.50 per hour. \$408.00 is equal to 54.4 hours, the commissioner probably spent at least that much time on the system last year.

Concern was expressed by the water users about costs of installing measuring devices. If devices are installed, each water user will be assessed based upon water delivered. If no water is delivered, then there would be no assessment. Lee mentioned at the last meeting in September, measuring devices were proposed to be installed on Meadowville Creek, Meadowville Ditch, Tuft Creek Ditch, and Jebo Ditch. If the devices are to be installed, this needs to take place this autumn. The State Engineer has responsibility to make sure they are installed correctly. Theron requested a device be installed in Tuft Creek to measure creek flows. He says a flume should be at the head of the Tuft Creek Ditch.

Lee reminded the group the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the budget, assessment, and measuring devices. He proposed the group obtain estimated costs for measuring devices, and emphasized the importance of correct installation. Lee suggested research be done to determine the costs for measuring devices. Lee also explained that the assessment is based upon acres. Class I rights are most likely to get water about 90% of the time. Class II rights are not likely to get water 10% of the time. Once the water gets past the Meadowville Ditch then water use is based upon splits in 40ths. The group had a lengthy discussion on how to assess. Willis Clark motioned that we use existing assessment method but come up with alternatives and that we meet later to discuss them. Linda Willis seconded the motion, all approved.

Next the budget was discussed by the group. Clark Willis motion to set the Commissioner's

Salary at \$1,800.00 plus \$7.50 per hour, \$600.00 for Contractual Services, a total of \$2,600.00, seconded by Paul Lamborne, all approved. The next meeting to be held with the water users was in the field, Saturday, May 18th at 7:30 am.

A proposal was made to move the irrigation schedule to begin April 1. Linda Willis will work together on the dams on the creek. And Clark Willis will call commissioner if the dams need to be removed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.

Those attending the meeting:

Name	Representing
Lee Sim	Utah State Division of Water Rights
John S. Larsen	Utah State Division of Water Rights
Bob Fotheringham	Utah State Division of Water Rights
Rex Weston	Water User
Theron Weston	Water User
Linda Willis	Water User
Paul Lambourne	Water User
Clark Willis	Water User
Chad Peart	Commissioner
McKay Willis	Water User
Lorraine Weston	Water User